

By: Johnson of Harris

H.B. No. 625

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regular psychological examination of peace officers  
by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter H, Chapter 1701,  
Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. CONTINUING EDUCATION, REGULAR PSYCHOLOGICAL  
EXAMINATION, AND YEARLY WEAPONS PROFICIENCY

SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is  
amended by adding Section 1701.3556 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.3556. REGULAR PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION. (a)  
Each peace officer shall submit to the psychological examination  
described by Section 1701.306 once every 24 months.

(b) The commission by rule shall:

(1) provide grounds for which a law enforcement agency  
may exempt a peace officer from the requirements of this section;  
and

(2) adopt procedures to ensure timely and accurate  
reporting by law enforcement agencies and persons licensed under  
this chapter of the results of a psychological examination required  
under this section.

(c) The commission shall suspend the license of a peace  
officer who fails to comply with this section.

SECTION 3. (a) Not later than December 1, 2017, the Texas

1 Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt rules necessary to  
2 implement the changes in law made by this Act.

3 (b) A person who holds a license as a peace officer issued  
4 before the effective date of this Act may continue to renew that  
5 license without complying with Section 1701.3556, Occupations  
6 Code, as added by this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.